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Tetsu Yamamoto

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF  
POLYELECTROLYTE MEMBRANES AND  
FUEL CELL

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 2 and 8-23, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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